GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT TO LAW PERTAINING TO RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT ON WOMEN
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission has recommended for amending the laws pertaining to rape and sexual assault on women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard.

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW & JUSTICE AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): The Law Commission in its 172nd Report on `Review of Rape Laws` has recommended various changes in law concerning rape and other sexual offences. A copy of the said Report has already been laid on the table of the House on 21.12.2000.

(c): The Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that the State Governments have been requested for their views on the recommendations of the Law Commission, as `criminal law` is in the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution.